

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Herbert WOLTER *et al.*
Title: **CARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES
CONTAINING PHOSPHOROUS GROUPS AND
ORGANICALLY POLYMERIZABLE GROUPS**
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Dear Examiner Heincer:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action, dated December 8, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicant notes that this response is being filed within two months of the mailing of a final office action. Applicant also notes that the USPTO was closed on February 8 and 9, 2010, due to inclement weather, and as such, the filing of this response on February 9, 2010 is considered timely within the advisory period.

Although the Applicant does not believe that any fees are due with this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required regarding this

application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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